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Information circular*

To: Members of the staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Management

Subject: **United States Special Registration Procedures for nationals of designated countries**

1. The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has recently instituted Special Registration Procedures requiring the nationals of certain designated countries to register with INS at specified times and locations. An INS publication available on the Internet explicitly states that "diplomats and their dependants, individuals with diplomatic visas, as well as representatives and employees from accredited international organizations are excluded from the Special Registration Procedures". Staff members have expressed concern that while the aforementioned text clearly exempts United Nations officials from the scope of the Special Registration Procedures, it does not expressly deal with dependants of United Nations officials.

2. The Office of the Legal Counsel has received assurances from the competent United States authorities that United Nations officials and their dependants holding G visas are exempt from INS Special Registration Procedures.

3. Staff experiencing difficulties should contact the Office of the Legal Counsel for immediate assistance.

* The present circular will be in effect until further notice.

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